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1. AS HQS AWARE, IT HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATED SINCE ITS INCEPTION THAT PHUNG HOANG (FORMERLY PHOENIX) PROGRAM SHOULD BECOME BASICALLY VIETNAMESE POLICE PROGRAM WHEN NATIONAL POLICE AND POLPX SPECIAL BRANCH ATTAINED CAPABILITY TO ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. WITH THIS IN MIND PROGRAM HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND MACV/CORDS HAS RECENTLY CONDUCTED THOROUGH RE-EXAMINATION OF PROGRAM, DESCRIBING ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. STUDY RECOMMENDS THAT ON PROVINCE BY PROVINCE PHASED BASIS PRESENT CUMBERSOME INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE BE ABOLISHED WITH NATIONAL POLICE ASSUMING NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTI-VCI EFFORT AND POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH PERFORMING MAJOR INTELLIGENCE ROLE. WHILE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES REGARDING TRANSITION ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, STUDY CONTEMPLATES THAT BY 1 JAN 73 PHASING WILL BE COMPLETED.

2. PREPARATION OF STUDY HAS BEEN FULLY COORDINATED WITH STATION AS WILL IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS (WITH WHICH WE AGREE) WHEN FINALLY APPROVED.

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3. SINCE STUDY IS STILL BEING STAFFED, RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY COORDINATED WITH GVN, BUT BASED ON INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS GVN OFFICIALS WE FEEL THAT GENERAL THRUST OF STUDY IS IN LINE WITH THEIR OWN FINDINGS AND PLANS.

4. THE STUDY DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SUGGEST THAT JKLANCE WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESENT PHUNG HOANG PROGRAM WITH ITS GVN STRUCTURE OF INTERAGENCY COMMITTEES AND CENTERS AND WITH U.S. MILITARY ADVISORS. RATHER, STUDY PROPOSES THAT ON PHASED BASIS NATIONAL POLICE ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY UTILIZING MORE EFFICIENT AND SECURE MECHANISM THAN PRESENT PROGRAM ALLOWS.

5. MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HEADQUARTERS AFTER FURTHER STAFFING.

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